(c) whether it is also a fact that the selection for the post was made over a year ago; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The post of Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library is lying vacant consequent upon the superannuation of its earlier incumbent with effect from the 29th February, 2004.

(b) to (d) The Executive Committee in its meeting in July, 2005 decided to appoint a Director and identified a person for the job. The formalities in regard to the appointment are being completed.

**Development of religious, archaeological and natural beauty sites**

†4069. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the religious, archaeological and natural beauty sites found to be the major centres of attraction of the foreign tourists coming to India apart from Metropolitan cities;

(b) whether there is any scheme for the development of such places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) India offers a combination of religious, archaeological and natural beauty sites spread all over the country, apart from metropolitan cities attracting foreign tourists from all over the world. A list of prominent tourist spots in India is at enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. The Department of Tourism extends central financial assistance for tourism schemes/projects prioritized in consultation with the State/UT Governments, based on *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement***

*List of prominent tourist spots in India*

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| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Islands—Jolly Buoy, Cinque Island, Red Skin Island, Havelock Island, Barren Island, Ross Island, Viper Island & Chatham Island, Katchal, Great Nicobar, Car Nicobar, Port Blair—Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Gandhi Park, Sippighat Farm, Chidiya Tapu, Cellular Jail. |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | Hyderabad—Charminar Fort, Durgam Cheruvu, Falaknuma Palace, Golconda Fort, Hussain Sagar Lake, Lumbini Park, Nehru Zoological Park, Osmansagar Lake, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Ramoji Film City, Leisure Spots, Shilparamam—The Crafts Village, Leisure Spots, The Nizam's Museum, Salar Jung Museum, The Statue of Lord Buddha Tirupati (Lord Venkateswara Temple, Sri Venkateswara Sanctuary) Vishakhapatnam, Nagarjunsagar, Warrangal, Borra Caves, Belum Caves, Ananthagiri Hills, Araku Valley, Horsley Hills, Kolleru Lake, Pulicat Lake, Khammam Fort. |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | Bhalukpong (Angling), Tawang Monastery, Parasuramkund, Margherita-Namdapha (National Park), Itanagar (Fort & Buddhist Temple), Daporijo (Menga cave Temple), Pashighat (Mouling National Park), Roing (Bhishmaknagar Fort & Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary), Tipi Orchidarium. |
| 4. | Assam | Guwahati—Kamakhya Temple, Sukreswar Temple, Umananda Temple, Navagraha Temple, Assam State Museum, Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Bashistha Ashram, Jolporee, Kaziranga National Park (World Heritage Site) Manas National Park (World Heritage Site), Batadrawa, Majuli, Bhalukpung, Dhubri, Nameri |

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| | | National Park, Dibru-Saikhowa National Park, Orang National Park, Digboi, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Diphu, Sivasagar, Haflong, Sri Surya Pahar, Hajo, Sualkuchi, Madan Kamdev, Tezpur, Sibsagar. |
| 5. | Bihar | Bodhgaya (Mahabodhi Temple & Complex—World Heritage Site), Nalanda (The Nalanda Archaeological University, The Nalanda Archaeological Museum, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara), Patna (Gol Ghar, Museum, Harmandirji, Khuda Baksh Oriental Library, Kumhrar, Martyrs Memorial, Jalan Museum, Pathar Ki Masjid, Agam Kuan, Pawapuri, Rajgir, Vaishali, Vikramshila. |
| 6. | Chhattisgarh | Bhilai, Arang, Durg, Rajim, Chamaparan, Sirpur or Shirpur, Turturiya, Kawardha, Bhoramdeo, Ratanpur, Lutrasheriff, Champa, Malhar, Keskal Girodhpuri, Seorinarayan & Raipur, Kanger Valley National Park, Chittrakot Waterfalls, Tiratgarh Waterfalls, Kutumsar Caves, Kondagaon, Dantewada, Basrur, Bailadila, Narayanpur, Indravati National Park. |
| 7. | Delhi | Places: Old Fort or Purana Quila, Khooni Darwaza, Feroz Shah Kotla, Qutub Minar (World Heritage Site), Tughlaqabad, Humayun's Tomb (World Heritage Site). Lodhi's Tomb, Safdarjung's Tomb, Jama Masjid, Jantar Mantar, Red Fort or Lal Quila (Son-et-lumiere show), Hauz Khas, India Gate, the Secretariat Complex, Rashtrapati Bhavan & Mughal Gardens, Parliament House, Teen Murti House, Dilli Haat, Akshardham Temple Complex, Raj Ghat, Shanti Van, Vijay Ghat, Vigyan Bhavan, Garden of Five Senses, Museums: The National |

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| | | Museum, the National Gallery of Modern Art, The Rail Transport Museum, National Rail Museum, The Nehru Memorial Museum, Indira Memorial Museum, The Gandhi Memorial Museum, Dolls Museum, The Crafts Museum, National Museum of Natural History, The Tibet House Museum, National Science Museum. |
| 8. | Goa | Marago, Marmugao Harbour, Vasco-da-Gama, Pilar Mapusa, Chandor Panaji, The Big Fort Art Gallery & Local Handicrafts Centre, Churches of Goa (World Heritage Site), Galleries at Se Cathedral, Loutlim, St. Francis of Assisi and Bom Jesus, Shri Manguesh Temple at Pirol, Ponda, ruins of Church of St. Augustine Viceroy's Arch all in Old Goa, Reis Magos Church, Shri Mahalsa at Mardol, The Church of Mae de Deus at Saligao, Basilica of Bom Jesus, Rachol Seminary Se Cathedral, The Church of St. Alex at Curtorim, Church of St. Francis Assisi, Jama Masjid at Sanguem, St. Cajetan Church, Safa Masjid at Ponda, Church of Our Lady of Rosary, Aguada Fort Nunnery of Santa Monica, Tirakol Fort. |
| 9. | Gujarat | Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar Dwarka (Nageshwar, Mithapur, Gopi Talav Teerth, Bet Dwarka, Okha, Harshad Mata Temple, Pindhara) Jamnagar (Marine National Park), Junagadh (Ashoka's Rock Edicts, Girnar Hills & Temples, Darbar Hall Museum) Kutch & Bhuj (Dadavadi Jain, Rao Lakhpatji Chhatri, Swami Narayan Temple (Old), Dholavira Ruins, Kutch Museum, Aaina Mahal, Gandhidham, Mandvi Bhadreshwar, Dhola Veera, Flamingo City, Narayan Sarovar, Chinkara Sanctuary, Rann of Kutch (Wild Ass Sanctuary), |

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| | | Palitana (Jain Temples), Porbandar (Birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi) Rajkot, Saputara, Sasangir, Somnath, Surat, Vadodara, Chamapaner-Pawagadh (World Heritage Site). |
| 10. | Haryana | Suraj Kund, Badkal Lake, Damdama Lake, Karna Lake, Kurukshetra, Thaneshwar, Mornihills, Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary, Windawas Bird Sanctuary. |
| 11. | Himachal Pradesh | Chamba, Dalhousie, Dharamshala, Kullu Valley, Manali, Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti Valley, Shimla, Religious Tourism in Himachal Pradesh (Hindu Pilgrimage and Temples, Buddhist Pilgrimage as Monasteries, Sikh Pilgrimage, Christian Pilgrimage). |
| 12. | Jammu & Kashmir | Srinagar—Dal & Nagin Lake, Shalimar Bagh Nishat Bagh, Chasm-a-Shahi, Pari Mahal, Harwan, Hazratbal Mosque, Jama Masjid, Shankaracharya Temple, Hari Parbat Fort, Makhdoom Sahib, Chhatti Padshahi Gurudwara, Martand, Kheer Bhawani Temple, Sonmarg, Zanskar, Amarnath Caves, Gulmarg, Jammu (Vaishno Devi, Raghunath Temple, Mubarak Mandi Palace, Bahu Fort, Katra, Kud, Sanasar, Batote, Mantalai, Mansar Lake, Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary, Jhajjar Kotli, Akhnoor, Dogra Art Gallery, Amar Mahal Palace Museum) Kargil, Ladakh (Leh, Sabu, Choglamsar, Stok Palace, Lamayuru, Monasteries of Phiyang, Hemis and Chemrey, Thiksey, Likir, Ri-dzong and Spituk, Alchi), Pahalgam, Patnitop. |
| 13. | Jharkhand | Baidyanath Dham (Deogarh), Bokaro, Dhanbad, Garhwa, Hazaribagh National Park, Jamshedpur, Palamu (Betla National Park, Netarhat), Ranchi. |

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| 14. | Karnataka | Aihole, Badami, Bandipur (National Park) Bangalore (Vidhana Soudha, Visvevaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Cubbon Park, Lalbagh Gardens, Bangalore Palace, Tipu's Palace, Bull Temple) Belur, Bidar, Belgaum, Bijapur Chikmagalur, Coorg, Hampi & Vijaynagar (Group of Monuments at Hampi-World Heritage Site), Hubli-Dharwad, Mysore (Maharaja's Palace, The Jaganmohan Palace, Chamundi Hills, St. Philomena's Church, The Mysore Zoo, Brindavan Gardens, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, Somanathapura Temple), Shimoga, Srirangapatna, Pattadkal (Group of Monuments at Pattadkal-World Heritage Site). |
| 15. | Kerala | Alappuzha (Alleppey), Ernakulam (Cochin), Idukki, Kottayam, Kollam, Palakkad, Thrissur, Trivandrum, Kozhikode (Calicut). |
| 16. | Madhya Pradesh | Bandhavgarh, Bhopal, Sanchi (World Heritage Site), Gwalior, Shivpuri, Orchha, Indore, Mandu, Ujjain, Jabalpur, Kanha, Khajuraho (World Heritage Site), Pachmarhi, Bhimbhetka (World Heritage Site). |
| 17. | Maharashtra | Alibag-Murud-Janjira, Aurangabad-Ajanta-Ellora (World Heritage Site), Kolhapur, Lonavala & Khandala, Mumbai-Elephanta Caves (World Heritage Site) Mahabaleshwar, Matheran, Nagpur, Nanded, Nashik, Panchgani, Pune, Ratnagiri, Ganpatipule, Sindhudurg, Shirdi, Solapur, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (World Heritage Site). |
| 18. | Manipur | Imphal, Red Hill (Lokpaching), Bishnupur, Loukoipat, Phubala, Moirang, Loktak Lake and Sendra Island, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Sekta Archaeological Living Museum, Ukhrul Mao. |

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| 19. | Meghalaya | Shillong, Jaintia, Garo, Mawsmai, Cherrapunjee, Mawsynram, Nartiang, Siju, Nohkalikai Falls. |
| 20. | Mizoram | Aizwal, Tamdil Lake, Champhai, Lunglei, Phawngpui National Park, Dampa Tiger Reserve. |
| 21. | Nagaland | Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung Mon, Phek, Tuensang, Wokha, Zunheboto. |
| 22. | Orissa | Balasore (Chandipur-on-sea), Berhampur (Gopalpur-on-Sea), Bhubaneswar (Lingaraj, Dhauli, Khandagir and Udaigiri Caves) Chilika (Lake), Cuttack (Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri and Udaigiri), Dhenkanal, Jeypore, Konark (Sea Beach and World Heritage Site), Phulbani, Puri (Jagannath Temple and Sea Beach, Raghurajpur), Rourkela, Sambalpur (Huma), Baripada (Simlipal National Park), Chandbali (Gahirmatha). |
| 23. | Punjab | Amritsar (Golden Temple, Wagah Border, Jalianawallah Bagh), Patiala, Kapurthala, Roopnagar, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Bathinda, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozpur, Moga, Muktsar, Sangrur, Sirhind, Ropar, Pathankot, Nangal. |
| 24. | Rajasthan | Ajmer, Alwar, Barmer, Bharatpur (Keoladeo National Park, World Heritage Site), Bikaner, Bundi Chittaurgarh, Deeg, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Kota, Kumbhalgarh, Mount Abu, Pushkar, Ranthambore, Sariska, Udaipur. |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu | Chennai, Chidambaram, Coimbatore Kanchipuram, Kanniyakumari, Kodaikannal, Thanjavur-Trichirapalli-Great Chola Temples (World Heritage Site), Madurai, Mamallapuram (World Heritage Site), Tiruchirapalli, Ooty (Mountain Railways World Heritage Site)-Coonoor-Kotagiri. |
| 26. | Tripura | Agartala, Vanghmun, Dharmanagar, Unokoti, Sepahijala-Udaipur-Neermahal. |

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| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | Agra (Taj Mahal-World Heritage Site), Allahabad, Ayodhya, Bithoor, Brajbhoomi, Chitrakoot, Deogarh, Dudhwa, Fatehpur Sikri (World Heritage Site), Jaunpur, Kalinjar, Jhansi, Kanpur, Kapilvastu, Kushinagar, Lucknow, Mahoba, Varanasi, Sarnath, Sravasti. |
| 28. | Uttaranchal | Almora, Badrinath-Kedarnath, Bageshwar, Champawat, Corbett, Dehradun, Gangotri, Haridwar, Mussorie, Nainital, Pauri, Ranikhet, Rishikesh, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarkashi, Yamunotri, Nanda Devi National Park (World Heritage Site). |
| 29. | West Bengal | Digha, The Dooars, Jaldapara, Kolkata, Kurseong, Mirik, Siliguri, Sunderbans (World Heritage Site), Mirik, Kalimpong, Darjeeling Hill Railways (World Heritage Site). |
| 30. | Chandigarh | Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Secretariat, Pinjore Garden, Rose Garden, International Doll Museum, National Gallery of Portraits. |
| 31. | Sikkim | Gangtok, Lachung, Yumthang, Rumtak, Tsomgo Lake, Pemyangtse, Kanchendzonga National Park, Chungthang. |
| 32. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | Bal Udyan, Tribal Museum, Madhuban, Vanganga Garden, Tadkshwara Temple, Birndaban, Khanvel. |
| 33. | Daman & Diu | Bom Jesus Church and Our Lady of Rosary Chapel, Dominican Monastery, Devka Beach, Gandhi Park, Hilsa Aquarium, Light House, Moti Daman Fort, Nani Daman Fort. |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | Kavaratti, Minicoy, Kalpeni, Bangaram, Kadmath, Agatti. |
| 35. | Pondicherry | Aurobindo Beach, French Institute, JIPMER, Botanical Gardens, Museum Churches. |